

## **CONCEPT PROPOSAL: Use the Standards for Quality Improvement**

### **GOAL**

Identify quality improvement strategies that use the Standards to improve the functioning of the public health system.

### **HOW THIS COULD WORK**

Individual reports from the baseline measurement of the Standards could give agencies information to identify areas for improvement. One of the products from the baseline measurement will be individual reports to each local health department and to the state agencies participating, as well as overall reports for the public health system. Individual agencies could identify areas for improvement or statewide initiatives could be developed to improve the system as a whole.

### **TIMELINE**

2003-2004

### **PRODUCTS NEEDED**

- Baseline measurement reports by county, program (state) and overall
- Analysis of the baseline measurements and the individual agency reports
- Compendium of best practices

### **QUESTIONS**

1. What other products would be needed?
2. How could this be done without communicating punishment or emphasizing negative results?
3. Is this a realistic timeline?
4. What strategies should be employed for agencies that have “no compliance” on some measures or many measures?